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EDITORIALS

LINCOLN

We read recently a rating of the Presidents of the United States.The top three were listed as Lincoln Washington and F. D. Roosevelt. There can be little question that these three were our greatest presidents; but some may feel that the honor of first listing still belongs to Washington. We shall not argue the point, but on the occasion of Lincoln's birthday, we do pay tribute to the increasing prominence given "Honest Abe." It was a sad day for our Southland when Lincoln was murdered. The horrors of "reconstruction" would not have been so severe, nor the length of rehabilitation to extended, had he lived.

BASKETBALL

Basketball games are witnessed by more spectators than are any other sports events in America. The sport has long been a top favorite in the north and mid-west. And now it is coming along rapidly in the southland. We do not know of a single indoor arena in the south capable of handling potential basketball crowds; certainly not one in Virginia. Last Saturday night, for a top-notch high school basketball game in Lynchburg, the city armory was filled to capacity a full hour before game time. The same thing has happened at many games this season. High school games are big drawing cards.

It is indeed unfortunate that not a single indoor basketball game can be played in Appomattox County. Our county has few if any needs more pressing than an adequate gymnasium.

AS THE CAMPAIGN BEGINS

The candidate for office likes to get communications of support far in advance of election day. He would not be human did he not wish to know "how he stood." He makes his campaign on a basis of the attitude of the voters, His managers like to know just what they may count on. The candidate i.. his managers urge the voter to make promise of support early in the contest. One cannot blame them for that.

However, there is another side to consider. Take the position of the sovereign voter. He, too, feels a big responsibility. As a citizen he feels under obligation to cast his ballot for the candidate whose position on public matters nearest coincides with his own. He does an evil thing if he commits himself "sight unseen." His vote is his precious contribution to the outworking of democracy.

Virginia will have an important election this year. In August the Democratic voters will nominate a candidate for Governor. The candidate nominated in August will very likely be elected in November.

There are at the moment four very able men seeking this nomination. So far as we know, each of these men is capable and versed in state affairs, and lessed with complete sincerity to be of service to the people. It may be that any of the four would make an adequate, and perhaps an outstanding Governor.

The question of how you should vote next August is something you cannot reasonably be expected to answer until you have heard or read what these candidates have to say in regards to the many issues of better government and administration in the Old Dominion.

You are interested in improved schools. Which of the four can lead Virginia to better educational standards?

You are interested in secondary roads. Your vote is important and you should give it to the candidate whose stand most appeals to you.

You are interested in improved Federal - State services. You are interested in labor and agriculture, and you watch your tax bill. There are scores of questions you want answered. You are entitled to the answers. You are entitled to a free choice. The good citizen will not be over-hasty in making commitments. We advise against it. We get better government when we sound out candidates; force them to declare themselves on public matters.

The candidate who looks so rosy in February may wither by August! In the recent presidential election many thousands of Americans saw fit to "change their minds" during the last days of the campaign — enough of them to swing the decision! Remember how red-faced the "poll-takers" were? One candidate made a better campaign and convinced the people that he was right. That's democracy. It's the way we hold elections in America.

Let's encourage the candidates to give us a full discussion of state problems!Let's listen to all of them! Let's think about what is good for Virginia and take our time to appraise and weigh the issues. Then we can and will accept the outcome with complete confidence in matured.

We never liked to see an umpire who had his mind made up before the game started. In an election, the voter is umpire.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

SHOWS THE WAY

(From Atlanta Constitution)

"One of the nicest things that happens in Douglas every three months is the union service of the men's Bible classes of the city.Once every quarter, on the fifth Sunday, men who are Sunday School attendants erase denominational lines and gather in good, old-fashioned Christian fellowship."

So writes Editor Tom Frier in his "Coffee Grounds" column on the front page of his good paper, The Douglas Enterprise.

"The union services are a splendid example of the fine cooperation among our churches," columnist Frier concludes. "We believe that from them will emanate a kinder, broader understanding of true Christian brotherhood of which the world needs more in these days of conflicting ideas and isms."

We agree that Douglas has something fine in these joint meetings that cross denominational lines.

Other cities might well follow the Douglas plan toward a type of Christianity more nearly in keeping with the teachings of the Master.

TO TELL OR NOT TO TELL

(From Winchester Star)

Should the United States tell the world how many atomic bombs it has in its stockpile? Senator McMahon of Connecticut, chairman of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, asks that question. He raised it in an address in Detroit and again at a meeting of his committee.

Speaking before the Detroit Economis Club, Senator McMahon said that he has not yet answered the question in his own mind. Secrecy, he observed, raises the danger that it may "spawn a war through other nations' ignorance of our real strength." At the same time it is obvious that disclosure would give a possible enemy valuable knowledge of the nation's military potential—and would also remove the uncertainty that is psychologically more difficult to deal with than certainty.

Talking in much the same vein during the committee session, he found that some of his colleagues seemed to have no doubts whatever that secrecy must be maintained. Senator Tydings observed that a potential enemy would "give millions" for this information, while Senator Connally evidently thought that the Atomic Energy Commission is telling too much even without saying how many bombs it has on hand. President Truman also advocates secrecy, but chairman Lilienthal of the Atomic Energy Commission leans the other way.

Senator McMahon's point should not be dismissed lightly. The atomic bombs it possesses place upon this nation a tremendous responsibility. It must be decided whether it would be better to hide certain facts about them — Senator McMahon does not propose that the secret be given away — or reveal these facts rather than take a chance of encouraging an aggressor.

One point he made at Detroit surely holds good. American history proves that free government works best in the light. Senator McMahon has directed the commission to prepare a report on his query. It is awaited with interest.

Edwards favors a limited sales tax for schools.

26 superfortresses arrive in England.

Traffic deaths in Virginia so far in 1949 near 100 mark.

Nine are indicted for oyster bed raids.

TELEVISION IN AUTOMOBILES?

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

"What motorist," a New York State Senator asks, "is going to be able to watch for red lights and scurrying pedestrians when being on a television set he can see the prancing of the Rockettes, the slashing drives of Joe DiMaggio or the antics of Milton Berle?" He anticipates, nevertheless, that some people will want automobile TV and that manufacturers will give it to them. Therefore, he has introduced a bill to outlaw television in private vehicles.

Longest Light Installation

The longest, continuous lighting installation in the world, in which four ribbons of fluorescent light will extend almost two miles, has been designed by New York City's Triborough Bridge and Tunnel authority in collaboration with engineers of the General Electric company. First of its kind, the installation will illuminate the new Brooklyn-Battery tunnel now being constructed under New York harbor by the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel authority. Each of the tunnel's two tubes will carry two lanes of traffic, and will be lighted by twin rows of white fluorescent lamps.

Canaries Are Delicate

Don't expose the canary to drafts or chilly breezes if you want it to stay healthy this winter, advises the American Veterinary Medical association. Because of their delicate constitution, canaries are extremely subject to colds and, therefore, should be protected against sharp changes in temperature. If windows are to be opened in a warm room, first move the cage to a sheltered corner, away from direct exposure to gusts of cold air.

Cost of Streamliner

The cost of a new lightweight diesel-powered, air-conditioned streamliner ranges from 1 million to 1¼ million dollars, depending on the size of the power unit, length of the train, and other factors. The diesel-electric locomotives which pull these trains cost $250,000 to $400,000. Texas, with 15,605 miles, leads all the states in the total of railway mileage. Illinois is second with 11,760 and Pennsylvania is third with 9,934.

U. S. debates Hungarian minister's expulsion.

Republicans to oppose health plan of President Truman.

Spanish express jumps Tracks.

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DEVOTIONAL READING: Luke 5:1-11.

Eleven Immortals

Lesson for February 20, 1949

JESUS BELIEVED in prayer, but he did not usually spend all night at it. When he did, we may be sure he had something of the greatest importance on his mind. One of these occasions was the night before he selected the twelve men he called Apostles. He had thousands of disciples, crowds followed him wherever he went. But it was important to have a few with whom he could live as an intimate friend. So from the immense number of followers, Jesus selected twelve closest friends. Before that fateful morning no one outside their villages had ever heard of them. But now their names are known—and eleven of them are honored—around the world.

Dr. Foreman

* * *

Jesus Multiplies Himself

A GOOD executive, Jesus multiplied his own personality. A recent book has shown how Harry Hopkins during World War II lived in the White House as Roosevelt's personal companion, having given up his own ambitions and living only to carry out the ideas of his chief. Without Roosevelt, Hopkins would have been little more than an inferior politician; and without Hopkins, many of Roosevelt's plans could not have been carried out. He enabled the president to be in two places at once. So it was with Jesus, as Mark tells us. Jesus wanted those twelve to be with him, and then to send them out.

He wanted these friends to know him as the crowds, and his enemies, never could know him. He wanted them men to absorb his ideas and ideals.

By continual contact, day by day and month by month, they would inevitably become more like him. Because of that, he could (and later did) send them out to do his work in places he could not reach. The word Jesus used for them was not his own invention; "apostle" was the word used all over the civilized world in those days for an ambassador, a personal representative of royalty. All Christians are in the "apostolic succession." If a Christian can truly say, "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me," then he is, as these men were, Christ's personal representative.

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Raw Material

THE ASTONISHING thing about Jesus' choice of these twelve is his faith in them. Of course they had faith in in him—who would not? But who would have faith in them? There was not a single "outstanding" man in the lot. Not one had what we would call a college education, not a man of them had held public office or was rich or famous for anything at all. The officers of any modern church might shake their heads over them.

There was Peter, an ordinary fisherman, much given to profanity; there was Matthew, a crooked business man if ever there was one, for no publican could be honest and keep from starving; there was Philip, as stupid a man as ever asked a foolish question; there were James and John, loud-mouthed Jesus nicknamed them the Thunder Boys—"Sons of Thunder"), greedy fellows who could not be satisfied till they had elbowed their way ahead of everybody else; there was Thomas the born pessimist, the defeatist . . . What could have got into Jesus' mind to select such men?

* * *

—And Judas Iscariot

THE SECRET of Jesus' choice was this: He selected men who met not for what they were or had been, but for what they could become, filled with his spirit, transformed by his friendship. It is so today, as always. The Kingdom of God needs men and women, but the raw human material found in or out of the churches is too shabby and weak to build anything like the kingdom of God.

"Twelve Immortals"—Nay, but one is the immortal betrayer and suicide. Why? The reason was in Judas, not in Jesus.

The truth is that Christ will not force himself on any one, not even on an Apostle. Christ needs men, now, as he needed men then, to carry on his work in this world.

But he wants volunteers, never forced labor. The Christ of Glory can be served by the humble; but the free Christ can be served only by free men with open hearts. Judas may keep his heart shut if he will; Christ never forces his way in.

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FATHER - SON FARM AGREEMENTS IMPORTANT

Father-son farm agreements are expected to become increasingly important in management and ownership of land.

Two agricultural economists, W. L. Gibson, Jr., at V. P. I., and F. D. Hansing, Bureau of Agricultural Economics in Washington, D. C., say the greater life expectancy of farmers and the need for more capital in modern farming have increased the practicality of the father and son agreements.

A "pilot" study in Augusta County, in which a random sample of 143 farms of 50 acres or more were visited, led the economists to these conclusions:

Father-son agreements make it possible for a young man to accumulate gradually experience and training for a farm career.

They provide a way for an older farmer to continue the operation of his farm efficiently during the later years of his life.

They make is possible to use capital and labor effectively in the interest of both the youngest and older generations.

The productivity of the farm maintained or continues to through improved practices.

Edwards advocates $2,400 a y minimum pay for teachers.

Sharp increase in specula preceded nosedive of farm pri investigation shows.

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Financial Statement of Appomattox County, showing Resources and Disbursements for the year beginning July 1, 1947, and ending June 1948.

RECEIPTS

1— To balance	$ 42,762.05
To amt. from current taxes	22,881.02
Delinquent taxes and Land Redemptions	885.81
Transfer fees	265.50
Trial Justice Court — fines, etc.	795.00
County Licenses & Comlth. Atty. fees	255.47
Sales sundry materials, etc.	517.41
Sheriffs fees	157.45
Interest & Refunds	326.79
State Forester	490.28
Recoveries from estates	52.13
Miscellaneous	48.69
Share A. B. C. Profits, including wine tax	30,738.56
Board of Prisoners	714.58
Captitation Tax returned	1,165.50
Public Assistance Grants, Federal & State	21,484.66
Motor Vehicle Carriers Tax	206.06
Transfer from Dog Tax Fund	1,304.66
	$ 125,051.02

DISBURSEMENTS

ity Administration:	
d of Supervisors— Compensation & mileage of members	711.00
pensation of Clerk	250.00
rtising	88.90
iting by Auditor Public Accts, or C. P. A.	475.00
nty Finance Board:	
pensation of members	65.20
	$ 1,490.10
ssment of Taxable Property:	
missioner of Revenue — Compensation	1,460.00
pensation of Deputy	646.66
32 Bond Premium	3.30
ge, telephone and telegraph	16.63
ding expense	164.83
nery, office supplies, etc.	89.26
	$ 2,380.68
ction and Disbursement of Taxes, etc.:	
pensation of Treasurer & mileage	1,609.96
pensation of Deputies & Assistants	1,600.00
rtising	16.00
miums on Surety bond (4 years)	1,238.00
rs to office equipment	33.50
ge, telegraph and telephone	166.26
nery, office supplies, etc.	471.92
	$ 5,136.40
ding of Documents:	
y Clerk —compensation	1,200.00
ding, delinquent lands & sales	324.75
pensation of Deputy & Office Asst.	525.00
ge, telephone & telegraph	53.50
nery, office supplies etc.	356.01
	$ 2,158.26
nistration of Justice:	
t Court — Compensation of Judge	456.45
pensation of Jurors and Witnesses	290.80
pensation of Special Attorneys	40.00
members of Jury Commission	15.00
Justice Court:	
e, telephone and telegraph	46.93
nery, office supplies, etc.	85.12
monwealth's Attorney:	
pensation	900.00
	$ 1,834.30
Prevention and Detection:	
ig and Investigating:	
pensation of Sheriff	450.00
pensation of Deputies	87.12
pensation of Clerk	100.00
Bond Premium	13.34
e, telephone and telegraph	14.29
ling expense	78.13
nery & office supplies	1.80
sement and Care of Prisoners:	
of Prisoners	791.50
ic Current	45.68
ry, cleaning materials and supplies	85.76
al supplies	7.55
	$ 1,675.17
Prevention and Extinction:	
e Fire extinction service	$ 761.00
Welfare:	
pensation of Board members & mileage	315.00
pensation of Superintendent	2,400.00
pensation of Welfare Aids, Clerks &c.	1,520.00
ium on Surety Bond	5.00
e, telephone & telegraph	183.00
ling expense — Superintendent	486.50
nery—office supplies, repairs to equipment &c.	72.93
Assistance— Federal, State and Local:	
al Relief	2,388.08
ce Assistance	15,482.00
to Blind	1,899.00
to Dependent Children	3,724.00
er Care	198.76
tional Care:	
al expenses	84.00
ribution — Cancer Fund	25.00
ribution — Childrens Home Society of Va.	50.00
orn Fees	34.00
ery Commissions:	
pensation of members	16.20
	$ 28,883.47
Health:	
pensation of Registrars of Vital Statistics	92.00
ribution to State Department of Health - Health Unit	1,000.00
	$ 1,092.00
Advancement of Agriculture and Home Economics:	
Compensation of Farm Demonstrators	2,220.00
Compensation of Home Demonstrator	700.00
Electric current, rent & fuel	104.21
	$ 3,024.21
Protection of Livestock and Fowls	
Compensation of Game Warden	300.00
Record Books and tags	58.50
Bounty Claims	83.50
Fowl Claims	34.00
Livestock Claims	20.00
	$ 496.00
Elections:	
Compensation of election officials	1,246.33
Rent of election booth	5.00
Preparing, printing and posting voting list	108.05
Building voting booths	308.19
	$ 1,667.57
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:	
Wages of Janitor	1,023.75
Electric Current	71.52
Insurance Premiums - Fire & Workmans Compensation	110.89
Repairs to Buildings and upkeep of grounds	4,409.38
Water Service	127.54
Building materials and supplies	86.75
Fuel	728.76
	$ 6,558.59
Miscellaneous Operating Functions:	
Road Viewers	40.00
Right of way — Roads	10.00
	$ 50.00
Schools:	
Compensation of Superintendent	800.00
Transferred from General Fund to School Fund	52,729.68
	$ 53,529.68
GRAND TOTAL	$110,737.43

Summary of Expenditures:

General Fund — County Administration	27,828.10
Dog Tax Fund	496.00
Va. Public Assistance Fund	28,883.47
Transfers to Schools &c.	53,529.86
	$ 110,737.43

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